

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a)**

Applicant respectfully petitions pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time to file this response to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2003. The extended period is set to expire on September 19, 2003. A check in the amount of \$930.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a three-month extension of time.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3), applicant(s) hereby request and authorize the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to (1) treat any concurrent or future reply that requires a petition for extension of time as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time and (2) charge all required fees, including extension of time fees and fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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